



## Mr. Leroy James Lawrence

September 18, 1954 - October 30, 2020

Mr. Leroy James Lawrence, 66, entered into eternal rest on Friday, October 30, 2020 Residence: 2 Hampden Ct., Charleston, SC 29403.

Many friends have requested a desire to help with Leroy's burial expenses. For those who would like to provide support, please send a check to the order of Smith McNeal Funeral Home, Inc. for Leroy Lawrence and mail to 2119 Dorchester Road, North Charleston, SC 29405. Please include your mail and email address as the family would like to send out acknowledgements of all gifts. The family deeply appreciates your support and generosity.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ansonborough's Loss:*

*When the "insider" history of Ansonborough is written, Leroy Lawrence, who passed away earlier this week, will surely be among its principal authors. Although Leroy died unexpectedly and suddenly at his apartment, he inhabited Ansonborough like no other. The roles he played for so many of us over the years were numerous and of long duration: caregiver to some neighbors during their last illness, personal shopper for those who were homebound, gardener who loved and cared for our greenspaces (and had much luck himself growing hot peppers and locating pecans not poached by overly eager squirrels).*

*Anyone who knew Leroy will always recall his unfailingly gentle, patient manner and bright, ready smile that were so much a part of the Ansonborough fabric. He exemplified a positive attitude and quiet strength to keep plugging and simply soldier on, no matter the challenge. It seems a particularly harsh blow to lose his steady presence now, in times when plans unravel and traditions fall by the wayside. But we will see, remember, and be inspired by him always: just around the corner, going about his day to day work to make our shared environment a better place, always grateful for any kindness shown.*

*Leroy, you were one of a kind, a Charleston original, and we will miss you.*

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**GEORGIA MEAGHER** - December 04, 2020 at 10:20 AM

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“ I first met Leroy almost 10 years ago to the day when I closed on my house at 49 Laurens in Ansonborough. Leroy informed me that he had worked with several previous owners of my new home so it was a quick interview! That was the beginning of a special relationship. Leroy was a constant presence in our lives and the lives of many Ansonborough residents. Whether we were at home or not, he was looking out after us and keeping us informed on everything going on in the neighborhood. We would work on backyard projects together and have a beer on the porch afterwards. He especially loved helping set up for an annual New Years Day party and partaking in the BBQ, greens, and hoppin john! What I remember and revered most about Leroy was the care he provided to our elderly residents in the neighborhood. He would make breakfast for some, help get their medication, and run errands. Always with a smile on his face and a gentle demeanor that I know must have been very comforting to them. Leroy was one of a kind and will be sorely missed by us and our community. May he rest in peace after a rich life.



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**Charles McLendon** - November 19, 2020 at 11:07 AM